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Reference:

- a. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95.
- b. HQ, HRC Msg, Subj: Awards to Members of Other Services - CORRECTED COPY, DTG 091135ZJUL02
- c. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Memorandum, Subj: U.S. Navy's Policy Regarding Awarding the Bronze Star Medal, dated 27 Mar 05,.
- d. HQ, HRC Msg, Subj: Purple Heart (PH) Revocation Authority, dated 8 Jun 05.

1. This message supersedes Reference b.

2. The purpose of this message is to provide the policy for awarding wartime awards to members of other Services.

3. A wartime award will not be awarded to a member of another service without first seeking concurrence from the service concerned. Requests for concurrence must be submitted from the theater wartime awards approval authority (i.e. Multi-National Forces -Iraq) directly to the service concerned. Commands must ensure that the award has been processed through to the approval authority for consideration before seeking concurrence. Request will not be reviewed if block 26, DA Form 638, has not been completed. Please note that permanent orders should not be issued and certificates should not be completed until concurrence from the other service is received.

4. The following policies apply:

a. United States Army:

(1) A wartime award from another service will not be awarded to a Soldier without concurrence from the United States Army Human Resources Command (USA HRC), Military Awards Branch (MAB). The necessary concurrence will be requested by forwarding the recommendation for award

directly to MAB. The address is:

Commander, United States Army Human Resources Command
ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA (Ms. Rivera)
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332-0471

(2) The POC for concurrences is Ms. Pamela Rivera, commercial (703) 325-4764, DSN 221-4764, Fax DSN 221-4764, email: awards@hoffman.army.mil.

b. United States Air Force:

(1) A wartime award will not be awarded to an Airman without concurrence from the United States Central Command Air Forces (USCENTAF). The necessary concurrence will be requested by forwarding the recommendation for award directly to USCENTAF. The address is:

United States Central Command Air Forces
Decorations Processing Unit
ATTN: UDPU Board Team
527 Killian Avenue
Shaw Air Force Base, SC 29152-5048

(2) The POCs for concurrences are Mr. Randy Adams or Ms. Caroline Bryan at UDPUBoardTeam@shaw.af.mil, commercial (803) 895-8745/8746, DSN 965-8745/8746, Fax DSN 965-2242.

c. United States Navy:

(1) A wartime award will not be awarded to a Sailor without concurrence from the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). The concurrence will be requested by major wartime theater commands (i.e. MNF-I) forwarding the recommendation for award directly to the CNO. Address is as follows:

Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-35)
2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

(2) The POC for concurrences is Ms. Christine Robinson, commercial (202) 685-1770, DSN 325-1770, Fax DSN 325-1761, email: robinson.christine@hq.navy.mil.

(3) Award recommendations for Sailors and Marines must be submitted in accordance with

Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1650.1G, Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual, 7 Jan 02. The criteria established for the specific award must be met in order to recommend the Sailor for the award. <http://neds.daps.dla.mil/Directives/1650/1650.htm>

(4) An Army wartime award for service (e.g., Army Commendation Medal or Army Achievement Medal) can only be awarded to Sailors under the following policies:

(a) Sailors "permanently" assigned to an Army command and filling a valid position can be recommended for and receive Army awards for service without seeking concurrence. However, award authority is limited to the Meritorious Service Medal and below.

(b) Sailors "temporarily" assigned to an Army command (i.e. TDY, attached, etc.) cannot receive Army awards. In this case, a letter of recommendation addressing the Sailor's performance should be forwarded to the Sailor's parent command for consideration of an appropriate Navy and Marine Corps personal award.

d. United States Marine Corps:

(1) A wartime award for combat (e.g., Bronze Star Medal) will not be presented to a Marine assigned to an Army command without concurrence from the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC). The CMC has designated the Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Central Command (MARCENT) as the approval authority for such concurrence for the duration of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. The concurrence will be requested by forwarding the award recommendation directly to the following address:

Commander, U.S. Marine Force Central Command

(Attn: Adjutant)

7115 South Boundary Boulevard

MacDill Air Force Base, FL 33608-5101

(2) The POCs for wartime award concurrences are Master Sergeant Liptok (LiptokJM@marcent.usmc.mil) or Staff Sergeant Lopez (lopezm@marcent.usmc.mil), commercial (813) 827-7031, DSN 651-7031, Fax DSN 651-7060.

(3) Award recommendations for Sailors and Marines must be submitted in accordance with Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1650.1G, Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual, 7 Jan 02. The criteria established for the specific award must be met in order to recommend a Marine for the award. <http://neds.daps.dla.mil/Directives/1650/1650.htm>

(4) An Army wartime award for service (e.g., Army Commendation Medal or Army Achievement Medal) can only be awarded to Marines under the following policies:

(a) Marines "permanently" assigned to an Army command and filling a valid position can be recommended for and receive Army awards for service without seeking concurrence. However, award authority is limited to the Meritorious Service Medal and below.

(b) Marines "temporarily" assigned to an Army command (i.e. TDY, attached, etc.) cannot receive Army awards. In this case, a letter of recommendation addressing the Marine's performance should be forwarded to the Marine's parent command for consideration of an appropriate Navy and Marine Corps personal award.

5. Awards of the Purple Heart (PH) will not be made to members of other Services. Recommendations for award of the PH should be forwarded to the appropriate Service for consideration.

6. Commands must ensure that only one decoration is awarded to an individual for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service in accordance with paragraph 1-18, reference A. A wartime award will not be awarded to a member of another Service for any act, achievement, or period of meritorious service recognized by previous award of a decoration by the other U.S. Armed Forces.

7. Inquiries on the status of award concurrence should be made to the theater wartime command which requested the concurrence. Soldiers and units are not authorized to contact other service branches directly.

8. If you have any questions, please contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil.